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In Re the Application of:

ROSE et al.

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For:

"PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR

TREATING JOINT DISORDERS IN

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Dear Sir:

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Examiner: Susan D. Coe

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2003, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from June 25. 2003, to September 25, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$465.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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